

Village of Los Lunas



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Three Candidates File for Two Council Seats

Two candidates will be running for the District One Village Council seat while one candidate will run for the District Three seat in the March 2, 2004, election.

Running in District One are incumbent councilor Cecilia CC Castillo and Victor Lynn Williams (this may not be the order they appear on the ballot as ballot order was determined after this newsletter went to press). Running in District Three will be Girard Saiz, the current councilor.

Write-in candidates for these offices will be able to file for office on January 20.

Watch for the February newsletter for more information about council candidates.

Municipal election day for Districts One and Three is Tuesday, March 2. Voting will be at the village administrative building, located at 660 Main Street NW, from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Absentee voting on paper ballot will start Wednesday, February 4 and continue through Saturday,

February 27.

Absentee voting on voting machines will begin Wednesday February 11 through Saturday, February 27 at the village administrative building.

This is the second election for the village in which candidates run for council in districts. The first was in March, 2002. The 2000 Census showed the village had more than 10,000 population which required council seats be districted. Call 839-3840 for election information.

Register to Vote!

Voters in District One and Three
In the Village of Los Lunas Go To the
Polls March 2 for Council Elections
Primary Election June 2004

General Election November 2004
CALL VALENCIA COUNTY BUREAU OF ELECTIONS

866-2080 FOR INFORMATION
ABOUT REGISTERING TO VOTE



Village Earns Second Place in Gov.'s Achievement Awards

The Village of Los Lunas earned second place in the village's category in the Sixteenth Annual Governor's Community Achievement Awards program. The program is part of the Trek for Trash clean up campaign which is held at the end of September.

First place winner in the village's category was Artesia while third place went to Portales.

Trek for Trash in Los Lunas is organized by Marie Marquez and Josie Navarette. The awards were handed out on December 18 in Santa Fe at the State Capitol building.



Josie Navarette and Marie Marquez accept the plaque for second place at ceremonies in Santa Fe. With them are First Lady Linda Richardson, Village Councilor Cecilia CC Castillo and Fred Peralta, secretary of tourism.

New Phone Numbers

New phone numbers have been placed into service at some village offices. New numbers include:

Main administrative 839-3840 Housing 839-3854

Library 839-3850 Senior Center 839-3853

Fire department (non emergency) 839-3847

The police department's non-emergency number, 865-9130 will remain the same.

Numbers for offices on the east side of the Rio Grande, including community services, parks and recreation and transportation, currently remain the same.

With the transition, you may experience problems reaching someone. Village administrators ask the public's patience.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning Mayor

Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo Charles Griego

Gerard Saiz Robert Vialpando

Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon

Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk

Chief of Police Nick Balido

Building New Mexico's Economy One Business at a Time

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is located at UNM - Valencia Campus and offers counseling on starting a business, business plans, loan packages, marketing, accounting and various other topics.

If you have a business idea you want to explore or want help in expanding your business, call the SBDC counselors at 925-8980 for an appointment.

The SBDC also offers a variety of workshops with instruction led by local professionals. Some are free and others have a nominal charge. The workshop schedule is in the UNM-VC Community Education Schedule and in the local Chamber of Commerce newsletters. Please call the SBDC if you would like a schedule mailed to you.

Changes Being Made to Village's Fire Station

The village fire station, located at Main Street and Don Diego, will be undergoing major renovations in the next months. CC Construction of Belen will do the work after being awarded the contract by the village council.

The project includes a partial renovation to the existing fire station. New interior offices, locker areas, rest rooms, storage will be added. New exterior minor site grading, concrete sidewalks, new parking, striping, and signage will also be a part of this project. A wall enclosure will be built around an emergency generator which will be installed.

Building demolition includes removal of sloped wood trusses, roof top heating, ventilation and air conditioning, small areas of overhang and soffit and all doors and windows. Interior existing rest rooms as well as some interior partitions, doors, lighting, and ceilings will be demolished. A portion of a damaged concrete slab in a fire truck bay will be removed.

Building renovations include new exterior doors and windows, as well as new wood roof trusses, decking, metal roofing, hard board soffits, fascias, and stucco. Improvements will be made to the plumbing and electrical upgrades mean improved computer access.



The village fire station before changes.

Council Okays Study of Interchange, Bridge; Transportation Study Commissioned

The village council approved a resolution in November which requested that the New Mexico Department of Transportation continue with the study to build an interchange and bridge crossing in northern Valencia County.

The village joins the City of Belen, Village of Bosque Farms and Los Lunas School District in making the request for an interchange and bridge crossing.

The interchange request is part of the Los Lunas Transportation Study which village officials independently commissioned in January 2003 in order to provide 20-year horizon planning and recommendations for the Village's roadway transportation system.

The population served by the traffic study area is projected to almost double, from approximately 38,000 to approximately 69,000, by the year 2025.

The study included data gathering with has been completed with work continuing on Phase 2 which is analyses and recommendations. The study is slated for completion in April 2004.

Key elements of the transportation study include:

- The study area is bounded by the I-25/NM47 interchange to the north, the northern Belen I-25 interchange to the south, the Los Lunas Village limits to the west and past the Manzano Expressway to the east -- covering a total of more than 114 square miles.

- Computer traffic modeling serves as the core of the study, with the model initially built to reflect existing conditions during Phase I.

Key findings of the study to date:

- On an average weekday nearly 28,000 vehicles use Main Street (Highway 6) at the Rio Grande crossing.

- Twenty percent of the vehicles entering the village via Main Street (Highway 6) near I-25 travel through the village.

- Several of the signalized intersections along Main Street (Highway 6) have key traffic movements that are already failing, close to failing or suffering from significant congestion.

- Key intersections along Main Street (Highway 6) need to be improved geometrically to increase existing intersection capacities.

- A new I-25 interchange south of the existing Highway 6 interchange with corresponding improved east-west routing could reduce the burden that will be placed on Highway 6 (Main Street) through the Village due to the area's projected growth.

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council generally meets twice a month in the village council chambers located in the administrative building which is on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Meeting dates for 2004 are:

January 15 & 29	February 12 & 26
March 11 & 25	April 8 & 22
May 13 & 27	June 10 & 24
July 8 & 22	August 12 & 26
September 9 & 23	October 7 & 21
November 4 & 18	December 16 & 30

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are rescheduled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting is still scheduled or has not been changed.

Agenda Available on Website Public Comment Welcome

The council agenda may be found on the village's web site, www.loslunasnm.gov prior to meetings.

At the meetings, citizens may address their concerns to the council during the public comment period.

**RECYCLE EVERY DAY ON DON PASQUAL
BEHIND THE ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING ON MAIN STREET**



Police enforcement can only do so much to solve the village's traffic problems. That's why the traffic study is being pursued.

Infrastructure, Road Improvements Continue in Village

The village's downtown sewer project should be completed this spring. The \$3 million project included improvements to sewer lines in one of the oldest areas of the village and an area critical to gross receipts tax revenue.

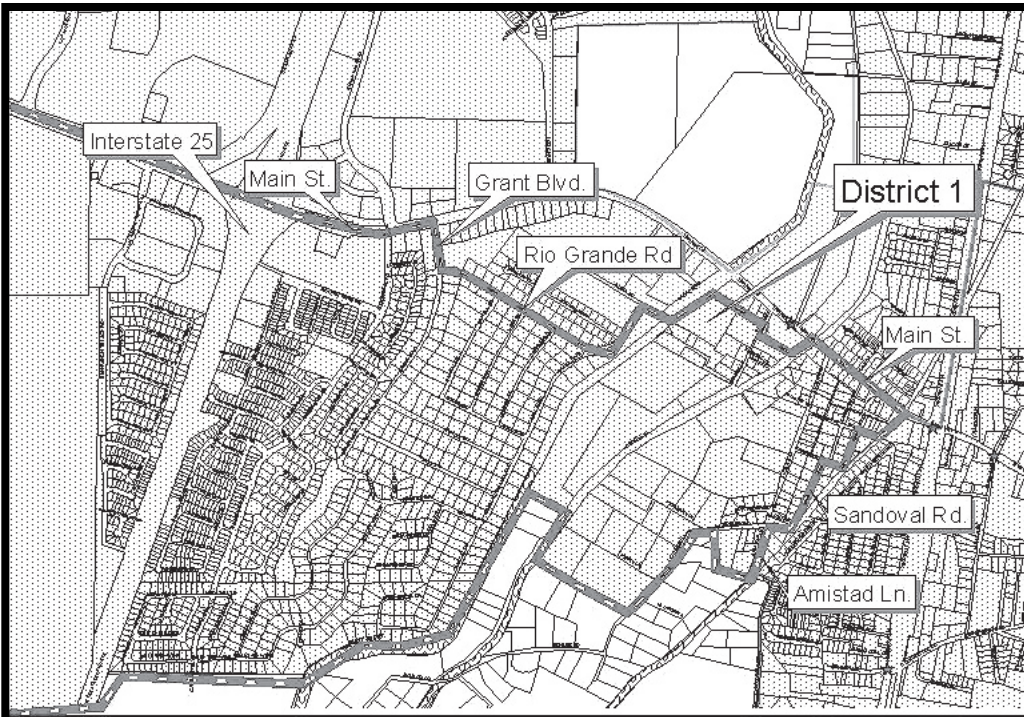
The village's Well Number Six project on the east side of Interstate 25 and south of the Tabet Vista subdivision on the west mesa is just about finished. The well is expected to be in service shortly.

The village is waiting for word from the Environmental Protection Agency before being able to proceed on the Luna Hills project.

Scheduled completion date for the north Los Lentes Road project is mid-January. This included widening the road and building estate curbs and sidewalks.

The new overflow sewer line in Carson Park will help alleviate problems with the sewer lines on South Los Lentes.

District One, Three Voters Go To Polls March 2



Voters in Districts One and Three in the Village of Los Lunas will go to the polls March 2 to vote for a councilor who will represent their district on the council for the next four years.

To the left are maps of Districts One and Three which were created after the 2000 Census. Only people who live within these areas will be able to vote in the 2004 election.

Candidates for the District One seat are Cecilia CC Castillo and Victor Lynn Williams. Candidates in District Three is Girard Saiz.

The 2000 Census showed the village's population as slightly over 10,000. Once a New Mexico municipality goes over 10,000 council seats must be districted rather than councilors running at large.

The March, 2002, election was the first in Los Lunas when councilors ran in districts. In March 2002, District Four Councilor Robert Vialpando and District Two Councilor Charles Griego were elected to those positions. Also elected to four year terms were Mayor Louis F. Huning and Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon.

Only voters in Districts One and Three will be able to vote in March. Voters who live outside of those districts are not eligible to vote in this election.

